

California, San Diego School of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Division of Nephrology, will be held February 6–8, 1997 in San Diego, California. The registration fee will be \$395 US for Physicians in Practice and \$175 US for Residents/Fellows. This conference is worth 17 hours of AMA Category I Accreditation. For further information contact Shirley Kolkey, Course Coordinator, 1660 Hotel Circle North #220, San Diego, California 92108, USA. Telephone: (619) 299-6673; FAX: (619) 299-6675.

The American Board of Internal Medicine announces its 1997 examinations. The ABIM 1997 Certification Examination in Nephrology: The registration period will be January 1–April 1, 1997 and the examination date will be November 19, 1997. The ABIM 1997 Recertification Examinations in Internal Medicine, its Subspecialties, and Added Qualifications: The registration period has been ongoing and continuous since July 1, 1995 and the final examination date will be November 19, 1997. (Beginning in 1997, the Board will offer all of its Subspecialty Certification Examinations annually in November.) The Board's new comprehensive Recertification Program consists of an at-home, open-book Self-Evaluation Process (SEP) and a proctored Final Examination which will be administered annually in November. In order to be eligible to apply for the November Final Examination, Diplomates must return all their required at-home open-book SEP Modules to the Board office by August 1, 1997 and must submit their Recertification Final Examination application by September 1, 1997. The ABIM 1997 Certification Examination for Added Qualifications in Adolescent Medicine: The registration period will be January 1–April 1, 1997 and the examination date will be November 18, 1997. For more information and application forms contact Registration Section, American Board of Internal Medicine, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104-2675 USA. Telephone: 1 (800) 441-2246 or (215) 243-1500; FAX: (215) 243-1590; E-mail: request@abim.org

National Societies

The Secretary General of the *International Society of Nephrology* is endeavoring to bring the Society's list of national societies up-to-date. Many such national societies are not affiliated with the ISN or their affiliation has lapsed. To retain their affiliated status and to vote at the General Assembly, a list of individual members is required to be sent annually. Secretaries of national societies therefore are asked to provide the Secretary General with the address to which correspondence should be sent, together with a list of their officers and individual members, and a formal application for affiliation where this has lapsed. Please send these to Jan J. Weening, M.D., Academic Medical Center, Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

International Fellowship Training Awards

The International Society of Nephrology announces the establishment of an International Fellowship Training Program to provide training in clinical nephrology to physicians from developing countries. It is the objective of this program to support the growth of nephrology in developing countries through an educational program that admits qualified applicants to clinical training in recognized nephrology programs around the world, and then to return to their

home country to practice and/or teach. In unique circumstances, applicants who wish basic research training may be considered if the environment in the home country will permit continued research upon the completion of training.

The guidelines for application are as follows:

- (1) Fellowship awards will be made only to physicians from developing countries.
- (2) Applicants must provide evidence of acceptance into a recognized and suitable training program before the award can be granted.
- (3) The Fellow must return to his or her home country upon completion of approved training.
- (4) The Fellow must provide evidence of a guaranteed position in a medical institution upon return to the home country.
- (5) Fellows will receive a stipend from the Society such that, taking into account the home country and/or the host institution support that they may have, they achieve a \$22,500 US revenue.
- (6) Fellows must be able to read and speak the language of the host country. An interview may be required to assess verbal fluency.
- (7) Fellowships will be offered primarily for clinical training of one to two years duration.
- (8) Clinical training programs should be practical in their orientation, and applicable to the needs and conditions of the home country. The ability of the host institution to provide such training will be an important factor in the selection process.
- (9) Fellows must have received sufficient training in internal medicine or other fields to pass all host country examinations that are necessary to the care of patients. Fellowships may be awarded to senior individuals who seek additional training but, in general, preference will be given to younger physicians who are at the beginning of their permanent careers.
- (10) Specific instructions and the necessary application forms can be obtained by writing directly to Jan J. Weening, M.D., Academic Medical Center, Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

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